



OLMSTEAD NETWORK
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PRODUCTS & SERVICES FOR CONVENIENT INDEPENDENT LIVING

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DATE: Oct. 21, '13

TO: Rahm Emanuel, Mayor

FROM: Herbert Hoffman
Founder and CEO

Dear Mayor Emanuel:

Please let me introduce myself. I'm Herbert Hoffman and I am a victim of a severe case of Cerebral Palsy. I greeted you in your office and told you to always help persons with disabilities and elderly persons. I was a close friend to Carmen Cucinotta, whom you were in correspondence with until her death. I wish to tell you about our nonprofit corporation, Olmstead Network. This is an assumed name under CONGRESS OF DISABLED PERSONS AGAINST EXPLOITATION (we are updating our website at <http://www.congressofdisabledpersons.org> and <http://www.olmsteadnetwork.org/olmmain.htm>). This is a nonprofit corporation in good standing in Illinois since 2004. Our main mission is to protect and advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities as well as elderly persons to live as independently as possible with dignity. We have a division, Olmstead Network (we are also updating this website. See enclosed). The Olmstead Network has a new Reality Network called the Olmstead Reality Network (see mission statement). The Olmstead Reality Network has a direct impact on Chicago because our network purchases homes and apartment buildings so we can rehabilitate them for persons with disabilities and the elderly. We have a fundamental belief that all people with disabilities and the elderly have a right to live in their own home, or and their own community. That is why the Olmstead decision is so important to the disability community. Our network also has other programs in Chicago, i.e. PA (personal Assistants) caregivers, aiding single mothers to have their own apartment while caring for their new born babies (counseling them against abortion no matter if her baby has a disability). Thanks to your staff, we been able to sell T-shirts, and other items throughout the city during the summer. We are seeking ways to fundraise, and we are asking your help in obtaining a table at O'Hare International Airport, several CTA stations and at Navy Pier. By allowing us to pass out our accessible / affordable housing information, we will show that Chicago is a leader to the nation in accessible and affordable housing

We are waiting approval on our 501c3 by the IRS, and we have opened an nonprofit checking account in Chase Bank. Our staff has helped many persons with disabilities, and with your financial help we will aid many more persons with disabilities. Please have your staff call us on

how we can obtain tables so we can display our information and sale items. Our phone number is 773-649-3208.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Herbert Hoffman

Founder & CEO

CONGRESS OF DISABLED PERSONS AGAINST EXPLOITATION

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Protect and advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities as well as elderly persons to live as independently as possible with dignity.

MISSION OF OLMSTEAD NETWORK

- Train **Olmstead Freedom Personal Assistant** caregivers to aid disabled and elderly persons so they can live independently.
- Build an **Olmstead Network** of service providers, builders and real estate agents to provide a full range of **Olmstead Services**.
- Advocate the **Olmstead Network** to insurance companies, Medicaid and Medicare for financial support. Consult on financial matters such as Money follows the person, Living Trusts, Reverse Mortgage, rights for persons with disabilities, consultant on legal matters, etc.
- Build an **Olmstead Freedom Training Center**.

MISSION OF OLMSTEAD REALITY NETWORK

- Provide accessible and affordable housing to the elderly and the disabled so they can continue to live in their own community with dignity and have fulfilling lives.
- Aid in training people to live in their own home instead of wasting-away in a nursing home. This will involve **Olmstead Freedom Fighters** who will have training in how to get independent living products and services to the consumers.

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF BRUCE WITHOUT HELP FROM THE OLMSTEAD NETWORK

- Bruce developed MS at the age of 30.
- His wife told him that she could not face being married to a “disabled man”. Therefore, she left him, never to return.
- His mother and father tried to take care of him at home, but they did not like having his Personal Care Assistant around the house. They wanted to travel in their golden years, and were mad that they had to take care of their son.
- Upon hearing their cries, Bruce took many pills to end his life.
- Bruce was taken to a hospital where his life was saved.
- Bruce didn't want his parents to give-up their life plans just to take care of him.
- Bruce signed himself in a nursing home close to where his parents lived, and gave all his money to them.
- Bruce wasted away for 10 years in this nursing home to the point of not being able to move his body or cry for help.
- On a cold Sunday he was found in bed by a disabled person who was visiting. With a tube coming from his mouth, Bruce was throwing-up all over himself and could not call for help.
- The visitor looked all over the building for a nurse (Bruce's room was 10 feet from the nurses' station).
- Bruce was taken to the hospital for 2 weeks until his medicare was used up.
- Bruce's mother wanted him back in a nursing home, and told the disabled visitor to; “Stay out of her business”.
- Bruce died 2 weeks later in the same nursing home.
- Bruce died alone. His life was ended without dignity because his family didn't want to take their time to love and be with him. True love comes from God and can't be bought, sold, or traded.